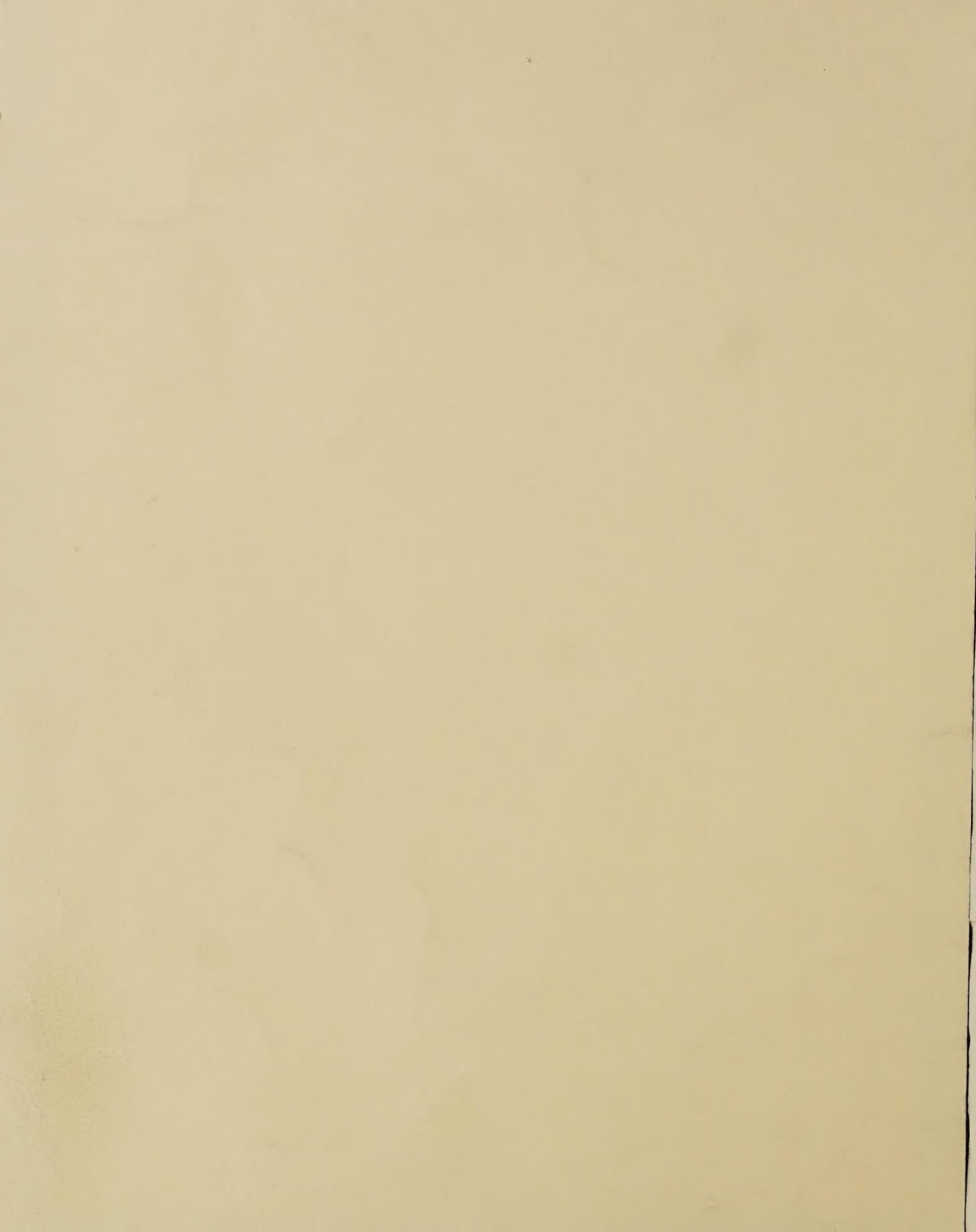


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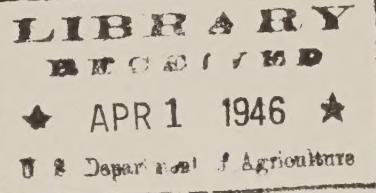
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QUEEN CHARLOTTE

Spring 1946



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A clear soft **YELLOW** with no other markings. Grows to a height of 54 to 56 inches. Ten to twelve 4½ to 5-inch florets open on a 24 to 26-bud spike with 6 to 8 buds showing color. Will be grown in New 1946 Trial Grounds now being established. A release for Fall of 1946 and Spring of 1947.



A Few Comments As We Observed in 1945

To start off with our spring weather was everything but what a Gladiolus grower would pray for. Wet and cold to a degree that became very discouraging before planting was over. However, after summer finally came along it turned out to be about as hot and dry as one would care to have.

With the white varieties **ANNAMAE** was as usual right on top for its earliness and clear, clean pure white. While **LEADING LADY** and **SILVER WINGS** cannot exactly be classed as white, they of course took the visitors' breath away and left them all in a quandary as to which of the two varieties was the better glad, but invariably they would pick the **SILVER WINGS** as their favorite of the two. **BENISON** showed all its loveliness when 8 to 10 wide open florets stood glistening in the sun, radiating that lavender tint which sets this beautiful glad off so outstandingly.

SILENTIUM was undoubtedly the most outstanding cutter in the patch. Every spike a bloom worth having, well placed florets up to 5-6 open on a stiff, whippy stem. While not as large as **MARGARET BEATON** it is a much more dependable flower for the cut flower trade. And while many list **LADY JANE** as a white, we slip it in here, as with us it is more of a cream than white. The yellow blotch in the throat can really set the whole spike off into the yellow class, but wherever it finally ends up, it will be an up and coming cut flower variety for some time. Opening eight nice florets on a good straight spike surely makes this one of the must haves in your garden.

Later Majeski's **CASABLANCA** with its many open, made up into a fine vase for the house, gave one about all he would want to complete a good season for the whites.

In the yellow varieties, a color class which is short of any exceptional amount of good varieties, **EARLY GOLD** bloomed far ahead of any other variety in our planting. Not large and not outstanding, outside of its earliness. **VAN GOLD** is truly a gold for color. Nice and straight with 6 to 8 five-inch blooms of the deepest yellow. It makes nice bulbs. **OREGON GOLD**, to wind up the season, makes a better glad for the home garden than the cut flower trade in our estimation, as it is such a heavy producer of side spikes. Side spikes having 16 and 18 buds. Is a heavy producer of bulblets, have counted

as high as 498 bulblets from one bulb. (Didn't have much to do, did I?) Of course I could go on and rave over **QUEEN CHARLOTTE** some more, but think the cut describes it well enough.

Of the pink varieties, we think that **TRUELOVE** just about takes the ribbons for the early bloomers, a clear ruffled shell pink of exquisite beauty which certainly should go places in the glad world. **FAY**, a new Canadian introduction for 1945, did not do much for us this past season, although we hope it does better, as we have seen some wonderful spikes of this variety exhibited by Mr. Jack. **LADY BOO** without a doubt will be a hard glad to secure stock of for some time. So much in demand that the introducer cannot get any stock ahead. A very tall, straight grower with perfectly placed shell pink florets without marking. By all means buy this when and where you can get it. **SINCERITY** from Butt of Ontario, while not new to the glad world, was new to us here in the West, and made a wonderful cut flower. It opens about 6 good deep pink florets on a straight spike. Was well received by the florists. **JEANIE** of course was right in there when it came to the cut flower varieties, and winding up the season with **SUMMER GAL**, a truly wonderful new large geranium pink, which is bound to go places.

COUTT'S ORCHID was very good this past season and made a decided place for itself with the local cut flower market. Immense florets of light orchid rose with a cream throat. In the lavender varieties **BADGER BEAUTY** was very good with its strong, healthy foliage, and clean, clear-cut color of lavender with a creamy white throat. **HOOSIER LADY**, while not large, certainly can be made up into a very desirable show flower. **MINSTREL** goes without saying to be about as large as any lavender we have had the pleasure of growing. From small bulbs it grew to average height with 5 to 6 lavender pink florets open. Truly beautiful. **HUNTRESS**, Milton Jack's new introduction for '45, grew well and although the florets flecked in the field, a good clear color was obtained by cutting and blooming inside. A very heavy producer of bulblets which grew to large size bulbs very easily. This should make a good addition to the lavender class on account of its earliness.

RED CHARM is perhaps the most outstanding red we have grown for some time. Has about everything one would care for in this color. **HAWKEYE RED**, from Heaton, made its debut in our garden, and believe this will be a very welcome addition to the earlier blooming varieties in this color. **DESTINY** is a very tall, healthy grower, and we hope to be able to list this variety next year. **GLIMMEREN**, our own **ORANGE RED**, was about the first to bloom and can truthfully say there was never a day all through the cut flower season that **GLIMMEREN** was not available for the cut flower market, with nary a bloom going to waste in the refrigerator. A vivid red that can be spotted by the visitors from any place in the field.

MRS. MARK'S MEMORY was as usual tall and massive for size of floret in the purple class, with **ELANORA** showing off as fine a flower head of up to 12 open in the field. **LEONA**, while a little late blooming last season with us, is truly as clean cut a spike as one would care to grow, although it should be planted early in this part of the country. **GLOAMING** was my favorite last year. While not new to the glad world, it is in my estimation a very outstanding flower for arrangement bouquets, having a tall, graceful spike of bright purple florets with attractive white throat. Neat is the way to describe it. **BUENA VISTA** was immense and rugged last season. Here is a variety which will be very much in demand if and when the stock becomes more plentiful. Bulblets seem to be hard to germinate, and it will probably mean the holding up of bulblets for a year in order to get this stock going. Rose red in color, will grow to six feet in height, with 6 to 8 seven-inch florets open at once.

Of the smokey varieties **R. B.** seems to be holding its own as a huge rusty golden brown on an old rose base. Florets seem to glisten in the sun as though sprinkled with glistening dust. **FLYING FORTRESS**, grown by us for the first time this past season, seems to be one which will be very much in demand when better known. An extremely large, round floret of dove gray blending toward a lavender with a small attractive red blotch on the lower petal. Will open to 8 as we saw it, but others claim it will open 12.

To wind up the season, we had as much rain at digging time as we did in the spring for planting. The only good thing about it all being that our boy managed to get through ramming planes through the air for the Navy, and came home in time to help us ram bulbs through the mud, so we were practically cleaned up with our digging efforts by Thanksgiving. Now that my time will be entirely taken up with the glads, we hope to be able to give all the old and the many new customers the service which we did in the past. Sorry that we are unable to list in quantity lots this year, but due to the fact that our plantings will be increased it is necessary to retain a larger amount of stock for planting ourself.

We hope to see you at the shows this coming season, and those of you who do not belong to any of the State Gladiolus Societies are missing out on a lot of good gladiolus information which is being disseminated by these organizations. John Huff, secretary of the Washington State Gladiolus Society, will be glad to accept your membership in this society. Mr. Huff's address is Orting, Washington.

1946 SPRING PRICES

QUANTITY LOTS ON PLANTING STOCK AND BULBLETS

Variety	Bulblets				
	No. 5	No. 6	No. 7-8	1/2 Pint	Quart
CASABLANCA (Majeski)	per 100—	6.00	4.00	7.50	30.00
COUTT'S ORCHID				15.00	
EARLY ROSE				1.50	5.00
ELANORA				12.50	40.00
GLIMMEREN				30.00	80.00
GOAL				25.00	75.00
LADY JANE	per 100—	4.00	3.00	2.00	5.00
MASTER MYRON					15.00
MRS. MARK'S MEMORY	per 100—	4.00	3.00	2.00	6.00
OREGON GOLD					18.00
PURPLE SUPREME	per 100—	10.00	8.00	6.00	20.00
RED CHARM					50.00
SILENTIUM	per 100—	3.20	2.00	1.50	8.00
STOPLIGHT	per 100—	7.00	6.00	5.00	10.00
SILENTIUM	per 1000—	24.00	16.00	12.00	12.00
					Eblis. per peck 60.00

The following varieties in One-Year-Old Bulblets: **GOLDEN CHIMES**, **JOHAN S. BACH**, **MYRNA**, **PICARDY**, and **SHIRLEY TEMPLE**. Priced at \$2.00 per 1/2 pint. Per quart \$6.00.

Year-Old Bulblets, in other words holdovers, germinate more readily than those dug the fall previous. In fact it is

necessary to hold some varieties over one year in order to get them to germinate.

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